



## **Report from the Statewide Self-Advocacy Network**

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SSAN Met on September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza in Northeast Sacramento.

### **Focus of Meeting:**

**DAY 1** of the meeting, the SCDD Executive Director reviewed the MOU between SCDD and SSAN and discussed potential changes to the language of the agreement. Members received a presentation on Person Centered Planning. Members reported on their activities since the June meeting.

**DAY 2** of the meeting featured a discussion on finalizing the SSAN priorities for the coming year and a presentation from CalFresh on the expansion of the program due to the changes in eligibility. Members voted to suspend the SSAN Workgroups until after the December meeting. SSAN decided to focus on the following goals for the year:

- Goal 1: Self-Advocacy
  - Recruiting and Educating youth on Self-Advocacy
  - Collaboration with YO! Disabled and Proud Network
  - Exploring Social Media Accounts
- Goal 6: Formal and Informal Community Supports
  - Improve Access to Transportation
  - Improve Access to Emergency Transportation Services

SSAN members reviewed and approved the September SSAN Newsletter, that will be sent to members once it is finalized.

### **SSAN Leadership:**

**Chair:** Nicole Patterson, DDS Representative

**Vice-Chair:** Desiree Boykin, ARCA Representative

**Secretary:** Lisa Cooley, Sacramento Regional Representative

**Member Activity:** Between the months of March and June, SSAN members participated in 31 events/meetings, reaching **617 Californians**.

**Next SSAN Meeting:** The next SSAN meeting will be on December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Northeast in Sacramento.

